Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Shall I suggest this as a reason ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I cannot accept it in the absence of scientific opinion.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Is it a fact that the persons from whom the Mine has been taken over—Messrs. John Taylor and Sons—and who are capitalists are at the bottom of this fire accident ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—No, Sir. It is a very farfetched inference.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—May I know who conducted this enquiry to find out the causes for the outbreak of the fire ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—The Officers.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Will the Government place the report of the enquiry on the table of the House ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I am afraid in public interest it is not possible to place the report on the table of the House.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Was there great loss incurred on account of the fire ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—The only loss was—we were not able to work the ore.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Is it not true that due to the accumulation of certain volatile and combustible gases in the interior of the mine that such accidents have been occurring ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a matter of opinion.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—This is at best a guess. But the question is this. There are certain gases. But we take all possible precautions. After all we are human. We will not know where exactly such gases gather.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—After taking over the mines, are the same personnel still continued ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—It is a different question, Sir.

Sri J. VENKATAPPA.—Will the Government consider the question of re-opening the mine with a view to increase production ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—We have already opened up.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are there any loss of lives in the fire accidents so far ? May I know the losses incurred in the fire accidents in the mines so far ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—That is a big question.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know whether Government are contemplating to set up a committee to devise means for controlling these fire accidents on account of their frequent occurrences in the mines ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—We have got all possible information. Unfortunately accidents do happen.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(But not taken up)

Water Supply from Krishnarajsagar to Channapatna Taluk.

Q.—582. Sri B. K. PUTTARAMIYA (Channapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the water of Krishnarajasagar that has been led to Koppa Hobli in Maddur Taluk will be made to cross through the Simsha River at or about Iaggahalli to be brought to Channapatna Taluk ;

(*b*) whether a survey for the purpose will be made at an early date ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) The proposal is not feasible.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Lands brought under Irrigation from Turuganur Channels in T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Q.—922. Sri T. P. BORIAH (Kollegal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of acres of land converted into wet lands in T.-Narsipur Taluk under Turuganur channels of Visvesvaraya Canal ;

(*b*) the extent of land that is getting supply of channel water at present ?